

1 Game That May Be Hunted or Killed - Duration of the 2024/2025 Season

Species	Season Duration (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of that species	4 May to 30 Jun 2024	12
NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 30 Jun 2024	3
Paradise shelduck	4 May to 28 Jul 2024	20
	15 Feb 2025 to 23 Feb 2025	20
Black swan	4 May to 28 Jul 2024	20
	15 Feb 2025 to 23 Feb 2025	20
Pūkeko	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	12
	15 Feb 2025 to 23 Feb 2025	12
California quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	10
Brown quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	10
Cock pheasant	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	5

2 Shooting Hours

6.30am to 6.30pm, except the hunting of paradise shelduck, pūkeko and black swan on 15 February to 23 February 2025 will be from 6.30am to 8.00pm.

3 Decoy Limit

No limit.

4 Special Conditions

- 4.1** No person shall wilfully leave on the hunting ground any game bird(s) shot or parts of any game bird(s) shot.
- 4.2** Camouflaged Rowboats: Persons may hunt or kill game from an unmoored camouflaged rowboat.
- 4.3** During the 15 February 2025 to 23 February 2025 special open season, no person shall hunt within 300 metres of any urban sewage oxidation ponds.
- 4.4** Any game bird licence holder who has a Department of Conservation authorisation to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking or falconry may hunt with an Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*) to take game birds. This is subject to the season length and bag limit for each game bird species in clause 1 of this notice and any other special conditions for the Northland Fish and Game region and also subject to any conditions imposed by the Director-General of Conservation under such a permit.

HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTHLAND

The Northland Fish and Game Region extends north from a line midway to a point between the North Head and South Head of the Kaipara Harbour, then runs due east to a point just north of Wellsford and then a line running northeast to cross the coastline approximately 4.6km north of Te Arai Point. Northland region offers a wealth of accessible hunting opportunity throughout the region including Fish and Game managed wetland properties, pine plantation forestry and extensive harbours.

TAKE A MATE HUNTING

2024 whole season game bird licence holders can take a mate hunting who has not purchased a game bird licence within the last THREE years or has had a previous mate's licence. Hunting for the mate will be permitted on Opening Weekend ONLY for \$5.00 which is the cost of the habitat stamp. Take A Mate Licences must be purchased through the Northland Fish and Game office in Whangarei.

The recipient of the mate's licence must be accompanied by an adult whole season licence holder and it only applies within the Northland Fish and Game region. The mate must comply with the game bird hunting regulations.

There is no better opportunity to introduce your friends, workmates, spouse, son, daughter to game bird hunting.

PERMITS

Full details and payment must be provided at the time of issue. A permit is required for each licence holder and is not issued for a party or any group of hunters. Permits are issued for the full length of the open game season (May to August).

Part of the fee for permits issued to Flaxmill Wetlands and Jack Bisset Wetlands permanent stand holders are used as a contribution towards predator control operations within those areas.

Hunters requiring a permit must provide the following details:

- Name, postal address, email address and phone numbers
- Date of birth
- Game bird licence number
- Firearms licence number
- Vehicle registration
- Dog's name, breed and registration number.

All permits issued to licence holders will be accompanied with a map detailing the areas open to hunting.

Adult licence holders wishing to hunt on Fish & Game properties who are not stand holders can obtain a permit after 13th May 2024 at the casual rate. The exception to this is the new Underwood Wetland where casual hunting permits will be available from 6th May 2024.

Junior and child licence holders wishing to hunt on the Fish & Game properties who are not stand holders can obtain a free permit after 13th May 2023.

<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Place name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Permit fee</i>
NFGC	Jack Bisset Wetland – Stand Holders Fee	Whangarei	\$35.00
	Jack Bisset Wetland – Casual Hunters Fee	Whangarei	\$10.00
	Flaxmill Wetland – Stand Holders Fee	Dargaville	\$35.00
	Flaxmill Wetland – Casual Hunters Fee	Dargaville	\$10.00
	Kawakawa Wetland	Kawakawa	\$10.00
	Borrow Cut Wetland	Kerikeri	\$10.00
	Underwood Wetland	Dargaville	\$10.00

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Licence holders wishing to hunt on Department of Conservation administered lands must obtain their permit from their local DOC office in Dargaville, Whangarei, Kerikeri or Kaitaia.

TE PAKI FARM

Hunting at Te Paki Farm and Te Werahi Wetlands is now authorised by approval from local Iwi Ngati Kuri. All licence holders MUST contact John Macpherson, Field Officer in Kaitaia on 021 858 423, to obtain the appropriate contact details.

RANGIPUTA LANDCORP FARM

is allowing hunting. Due to the M-Bovis outbreak, hunting will be strictly controlled and inductions will be necessary. Licence holders will need to contact Colin Rakena, the Farm Manager on 0274 350 982 to arrange access. Other hunting opportunities include peacock, turkey and Canada Goose.

FORESTRY PERMITS

To hunt on permitted forestry lands managed and owned by Manulife Investment Management, Northland Forest Managers Ltd, and Rayonier Matariki Forests, a permit must be obtained

through the office of Northland Fish & Game. The permit is a legal requirement which enables the hunter to enter the forest, carry a firearm and use a dog on those properties.

The cost of the permit for the whole season is \$50.00. This fee covers all processing fees; coloured maps detailing the areas open to hunting plus Public Liability insurance while hunting in any of these forests. Some maps are now only available through free applications that can be downloaded to a cell phone. Applications for these permits can be made either by emailing or logging onto the Fish & Game website:

<https://fishandgame.org.nz/northland/game-bird-hunting-in-new-zealand/northland-hunting-locations-and-access/>

Email: northland@fishandgame.org.nz

Please note a **Kiwi Aversion Certificate** may be required for hunting dogs in some forest blocks. Please check the permit conditions to see where this rule applies.

Kiwi Aversion Certificates can be obtained through the Department of Conservation office in Whangarei. If you are interested in your dog being trained, please contact your local DOC office or search: <https://www.kiwiavoidancetraining.nz/>

TE HIKU FOREST

is a privately owned pine forestry block that extends along the Ninety Mile Beach. The whole season permit fee of \$30 covers all processing fees, colour map and includes a contribution towards a predator control operation for the benefit of game birds.

Permits can be obtained at Hunting & Fishing Kaitaia, Riders Sports Kaitaia and through Northland Fish and Game office.

PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

STOP THE SPREAD OF FRESHWATER PESTS



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